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E.O.: 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MODERNIZATION OF YAR ARMED FORCES

REF : SANAA 1461

1. AMBASSADOR SCOTE'S ANNOYANCE WITH THE SAUDIS IS PERFECTLY UNDERSTANDABLE AND HIS CONCLUSION THAT THEY ARE LOOKING FOR EXCUSES TO DELAY EXTENDING AID TO YEMEN ACCORDS PERFECTLY WITH OUR ANALYSIS.

2. THE SAUDIS, AS WE HAVE POINTED OUT FREQUENTLY, PROTEST THEIR WILLINGNESS TO HELP FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS IN YEMEN BUT THEY DON'T WANT YEMEN EVER TO GET STRONG ENOUGH TO POSE A THREAT TO THEMSELVES. IF WE COULD DEVISE GUNS THAT COULD BE FIRED ONLY SOUTHWARD, THE SAUDIS WOULD FINANCE THEM INSTANTANEOUSLY.

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3. I EXPECT TO SEE SULTAN AND FAHD BEFORE I LEAVE AND WILL

TAKE THE MATTER UP AGAIN WITH BOTH OF THEM. I CAN GIVE THEM THE FULL FLAVOR OF THE REFTEL, EVEN LAY IT ON THICKER AND THERE WOULD BE SOME POSSIBILITY OF SUCCESS. I WOULD CERTAINLY ANNOY THE SAUDIS SOMEWHAT BY DOING SO - STILL, WHY BUILD UP CREDIT WITH THEM IF IT'S NEVER DRAWN DOWN? OR I CAN MAKE A LOW KEY PITCH; I COULD SAY WE WERE DISAPPOINTED WITH THE APPARENT SAUDI DECISION TO DELAY FOR MANY MORE MONTHS GRANTING AID TO YEMEN. (SULTAN, INCIDENTALLY, TOLD ME HE THOUGHT THE ELECTIONS WOULD BE BY THE END OF THIS MONTH AND IT IS JUST POSSIBLE THAT HE MAY RPT MAY NOT INTEND A LONG DELAY IN PRESENTING THE SAUDI RESPONSE.)

4. ACTION REQUESTED: BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS WASHINGTON TIME, JUNE 13, COULD THE DEPARTMENT SEND INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW HARD I SHOULD PRESS FAHD AND SULTAN ON THE YEMEN AID PACKAGE? I WOULD, OF COURSE, NOT WISH TO MAKE A STRONG CASE, UNLESS WE ARE PREPARED TO MOVE VERY PROMPTLY IF THE SAUDI RESPOND FAVORABLY. I AM ASSUMING WE WOULD.  
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